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JANUARY 8 INVESTIGATION AND JANUARY 9 PRAGUE TELETYPE ON A FOUR PAGE
TARD NEW YORK DESPATCH, GIVING FULL TEXT OF THE LETTER
TO U THANT ON COBA. THERE IS NO COMMENT ON LETTER IN DESPATCH
OR ELSEWHERE IN PRESS AND NO DISCLOSURE THAT NEGOTIATIONS
FAILED TO LEAD TO SOME SHARING INFORMATION FLIGHT.

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SEPARATE TARD NEW YORK DESPATCH REPORTS LEHIGA LETTER TO
THANT, ONLY INFORMATION GIVEN ABOUT ITS CONTENTS IS THAT IT
ENCLOSED COPIES INSTAL OUTSIDE OF WILSON TO THANT ON 20
NOVEMBER 25 STATEMENT AND REQUESTED THEY BE DELIVERED TO THE
CHAIRMAN.

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COMMENT: IN OUTPUT TO USSR AND BRIC, US INAPPROPRIATE MEDIA
SHOULD FILE IN HAND IN COVER RELATING, ALSO LONG DISCREP
1:34, TARDIED EXTRACT, INFORMATION, MEDIA AND COBA CURRENT
FROM INFORMATION-OUTSIDE. LETTER ARE IN THE INFORMATION-OUTSIDE
TO 31.1973.

IN GREY PROPAGANDA, POINT OF VIEW THAT COBA SAMPLE HAS
BEEN TOTAL LOSS TO SOVIET, ONLY A PARTIAL ADVANTAGE USSR
COULD HAVE GAINED FROM IT, I.E., COBA SAMPLE HAS BEEN LOST
HAD BEEN LOST THROUGH COBA SAMPLE, COBA SAMPLE LOST
TO ARRANGE FOR COBA SAMPLE.

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